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22 principals earn Wisconsin Master Educator licenses

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster commended 22 principals who earned a 10-year Wisconsin Master Educator License in 2008 for an accomplishment that shows true devotion to education.

“Master educators demonstrate excitement for learning and use that passion to inspire others,” Burmaster said in congratulating Wisconsin’s new master educators.

Wisconsin’s 2008 master educators were among the second cadre of Wallace Fellows. They were part of the Wisconsin Urban Schools Leadership Project, funded with a grant from the Wallace Foundation. The mid-career principals worked with the Department of Public Instruction, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, as well as with national consultants. The task was to develop a national model of exemplary urban school leadership and inform state policy regarding the identification of master urban school leaders. The partners also collaborated on strengthening school learning communities and identifying the fundamental attributes an urban administrator needs to successfully lead a school and support student achievement.

To earn a master educator license, the principals developed a portfolio that showed mastery of the state’s educator standards. The portfolio development process takes from one to two years and includes work samples, evidence of exemplary practice, and other supporting information that documents the educators’ contributions to the profession and improved student learning.

“Our new master educators are highly trained and successful educators who know how to lead an educational organization and have a positive impact on student achievement,” Burmaster said. “They contribute to our efforts to raise achievement for all students and close the achievement gap.”

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The master educator license is one of three stages of licensure in Wisconsin for professional education. The initial license is a five-year license granted to an individual who has completed an approved educator preparation program. To move to the professional educator level, an initial educator designs and completes a professional development plan that demonstrates increased proficiency in Wisconsin standards for teachers, pupil services professionals, or administrators. The master educator license is a voluntary, 10-year license. The state now has 396 educators who hold licenses at the master educator level.

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NOTE: A list of those earning a Wisconsin Master Educator license in 2008 through the Wisconsin Master Educator Assessment Process follows. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008_135.pdf. Additional information about the Master Educator Assessment Process and the Master Educator License is available on the Department of Public Instruction website at <http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd1/wmeap.html>.

Wisconsin Master Educators—2008

Richard Aiello, Principal, Indian Trail Academy, Kenosha

Mary Ann Anderson, Principal, Jefferson Elementary, Green Bay

Angela Apmann, Principal, Julian Thomas Elementary, Racine

Patrick Batey, Principal, Aldo Leopold Community School, Green Bay

Rod Bohm, Principal, Edison Middle School, Green Bay

Kathy Bonds, Principal, Custer High School, Milwaukee

Sallie Brown, Principal, Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning, Milwaukee

Raymond Collie, Principal, Thoreau Elementary, Milwaukee

Nancy Evans, Principal, James Wright Middle School, Madison

Anne Fischer, Principal, Work and Learning, Aero Alternative Education Resource Option,
and SAPAR Program, Madison

Matthew Geiger, Principal, West Ridge Elementary, Racine

Belinda Grantham, Principal, Chavez Learning Station, Kenosha

Sandra Gunderson, Principal, Mendota Elementary, Madison

Thyra Handford, Principal, River Trail Elementary, Milwaukee

Alan Harris, Principal, East High School, Madison

William Hittman, Principal, Lakeview Technology Academy, Pleasant Prairie

Lisa Kvistad, Principal, Lowell Elementary, Madison

Linda Roundtree, Principal, Metcalfe Elementary, Milwaukee

Gayle Titus, Principal, Knapp Elementary, Racine

Susan Valeri, Principal, Grewenow Elementary, Kenosha

Theresa Willems, Principal, Danz Elementary, Green Bay

Mary Zimmerman, Principal, Goodrich Elementary, Milwaukee